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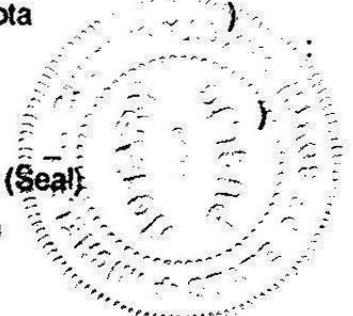
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TITLE OF NEWSPAPER ALCESTER UNION		2. DATE OF FILING 9-30-99
3. FREQUENCY OF ISSUE WEEKLY	3A. NO. OF ISSUES PUBLISHED ANNUALLY 52	3B. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION PRICE \$20 / \$24
4. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF KNOWN OFFICE OF PUBLICATION (Street, City, County, State and ZIP+4 Code) (Not printers) PO BOX 227, 110 E 1ST ST., ALCESTER, SD 57001-0227		
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6. FULL NAME OF PUBLISHER: PAUL B. BUUM		
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A. TOTAL NO. COPIES (Net Press Run)		
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B. PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION 1. Sales through dealers and carriers, street vendors and counter sales		
165		
2. Mail Subscription (Paid and or requested)		
679		
C. TOTAL PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION (Sum of 1081 and 1082)		
844		
D. FREE DISTRIBUTION BY MAIL, CARRIER OR OTHER MEANS		
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E. TOTAL DISTRIBUTION (Sum of C and D)		
875		
F. COPIES NOT DISTRIBUTED 1. Office use, left over, unaccounted, spoiled after printing		
85		
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40		
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